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SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF Title:

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Sir:

## RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.		
Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 16 minus highest number previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00	\$	0.00
Independent claims after amendment $2$ minus highest number previously paid for $3$ (at least 3) = $0 \times 88.00$	\$	0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$300.00 (ignore improper)	\$	0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$430.00/2 months; \$980.00/3 months)	\$	0.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00	\$	0.00
☐ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$790.00) ☐ Please enter the previously unentered , filed ☐ Submission attached	\$	0.00
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Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00)	\$	0.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)	\$	0.00
Other:		0.00
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$	0.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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## ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004 holding the subject matter of claims 1-9 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 10-16, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-9 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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